



## Sinterklaas pays one last visit to the Bibliotica Nacional before departing Aruba

The traditional feast of Sinterklaas is conducted in most homes on the island on either December fourth or fifth, before he leaves Aruba on the sixth, but Sinterklaas agreed to delay his departure for a few hours to attend to children at the National Library in Oranjestad one last time, on Wednesday, December 6.

A small gathering of awe-struck youngsters had one last chance to sing a Sinterklaas song for the great man, and receive a treat from his assistants, the Zwarte Piet. Sinterklaas had a list of the names of the children attending, and remarkable knowledge as to their behavior the past year, proving how all-knowing he is, and that naughty behavior will be noted. Weighing the fact that some children do not like to go to bed when they are told against the fact that they got very good report cards, he generously decided to give them treats anyway.

Sinterklaas confessed that after his two weeks of visiting all the homes in Aruba after arriving by boat from Spain, he was "very, VERY tired." Leaving a little gift in the shoe of all the children of the island is a very exhausting job, even with the help of his Zwarte Piet, not to mention the many public appearances he must make, so he was very ready to leave until he returns again next year. Ayo, Sinterklaas!